

LOCAL ITEMS AND CITY NEWS

Gleaned From Various Sources and Condensed.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

In order to insure a change of advertisement the copy for such change should reach this office not later than Wednesday, at 3 o'clock p. m. Please remember this and save the printer lots of "overtime" work.

Miss Letta Beebe is visiting her sisters at Castle Rock, Wash.

G. H. Conrad, of Wallport, Ore., was a St. Johns caller Thursday.

M. L. Holbrook and wife returned last Friday from an extended visit to California.

A good Rambler bicycle for sale, cheap. Call at P. Burdeen's bicycle shop, Jersey street.

Gentle Annie, having noted that springtime has come, is busy with hoe and rake in the garden.

Arrangements are being made to hold a Tuesday Evangelical service at the M. E. church in this city.

Mr. Hoven, of Reuben, Ore., was in the city this week looking after property in which he is interested.

Congregational services will be held in Bickner hall next Sunday. Preaching at 3:30; Sunday school at 2:30.

Henry Bickner and Ralph Rea attended the Woodmen of the World convention at McMinnville, Wednesday.

H. E. Bickner and Ralph Rea left on Wednesday as delegates to the W. O. W. district convention at McMinnville.

We sell, rakes, hoes, garden shovels, and etc., for digging. POTTER & GOULD, next door to post office.

We sell, poultry netting, and lawn fencing. Let us make you a price. POTTER & GOULD, next door to post office.

W. T. Slatten, the popular dentist, is now in the city and ready for business. The doctor's office is in the Cochran block.

Lisa, the five year old daughter of L. A. Crane, in Point View addition, is seriously ill with erysipelas in the head and face.

The subject for Sunday morning at the Evangelical church is, "Jesus Knew All Men." The evening service will be Evangelistic.

H. H. Yount and family are in our city this week looking for a location. We hear that Mr. Yount has bought Mrs. E. Branson's residence.

A young lady of this city had a bad case of "rubber neck," and only the prompt application of some kind of "rubberine" liniment saved her life. She has fully recovered.

The greatest thing on earth for the money? A lantern that POTTER & GOULD are selling for 15 cents, next door to post office.

St. Johns Sash and Door Co., C. M. Robins, proprietor, will open a store in the Holbrook building next week. A stock of sash, doors, glass, paints, oils, etc., will be carried.

Rev. L. E. Rockwell, D. D., will preach at the M. E. church in this city, Sunday at 11 A. M. Communion to follow sermon. All are cordially invited to attend this service. C. H. CAMPBELL, Pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Roehmacher and family, from Iowa, were visiting their relatives, H. F. Leiberman and wife, the first of the week. They were enroute to Bellingham, Wash.

E. E. Betts and son, F. G. Betts, of St. Louis, Mo. were St. Johns visitors last Sunday. Mr. Betts thinks our city has a promising future and intends purchasing property here soon.

The people in St. Johns who are suffering from bad teeth, will be glad to know Dr. W. T. Slatten is here and ready for business. You can find the doctor in the Cochran building.

Politics are getting warmer every day as the time for election approaches. There are plenty of candidates, and you will doubtless be able to make up a good ticket. Vote for the best men; regardless of party or faction.

Notice is published elsewhere in the columns calling the city election on Monday, April 3. A mayor, three councilmen at large, two from each ward, a recorder and treasurer are to be elected.

The Ladies' Civic Improvement League will meet every Tuesday afternoon during the spring. The next meeting will be held at the residence of Mrs. Manning, on Williams street.

Mrs. Dean, of Portland, delivered a free lecture for the benefit of ladies only, at the M. E. church, Wednesday afternoon. Quite a large number of ladies were present, and refreshments were served.

P. W. Hinman has furnished the upper flat of his new block, corner Chicago and Ivanhoe streets, and will conduct it as a rooming house. The rooms are neatly and comfortably furnished, and is quite a necessary addition to the city.

If you haven't paid your subscriptions to THE REVIEW, please do so. The paper is now four months old, and a number of our friends have forgotten how necessary to the publisher the dollars are. Please call in, friends, at first convenience.

Ladies! Relieve yourselves of the hardest task connected with housekeeping, by using the Universal bread mixer. We put them out on approval. POTTER & GOULD, next door to post office.

Allen Blackburn has received one carload of furniture, ranges, etc., and will soon be ready for business in his new store in the Hicks building. Mr. Blackburn intends keeping a full and complete line, and purposes selling at Portland prices, and is deserving of a good patronage.

Invitations are out for a ball to be given at Bickner hall next Monday evening, March 13, by St. Johns Lodge, Modern Brotherhood of America. Everest orchestra, of Portland, has been engaged, and arrangements are being made to make this ball the swellest affair of the kind this season.

D. D. Wood's bicycle and repair business has outgrown the old quarters located on Tacoma street, and he has moved into a larger room in the Holbrook building. Mr. Wood carries a fine line of electrical supplies and is building up a good trade. He will handle second-hand goods of all kinds.

T. H. Mayer, a member of a prominent wholesale firm of Tacoma, Washington, was a visitor to St. Johns on Wednesday. He confessed that the very substantial growth of this city surprised him greatly. He was here on business, the exact nature of which, however, he carefully concealed.

H. H. Marshall, of the firm of Marshall & Trows, of St. Paul, Minn., visited St. Johns on Tuesday, with a view to establishing a hardware store here. Whether or not he concluded to locate is not yet known, but he expressed himself as being greatly pleased with the business promise of the city.

N. J. Bolen, who lived with his wife and family in Point View addition, died Tuesday morning, after an illness of several weeks. The deceased was 49 years old, and leaves a wife and one child. He was a brick layer by trade and was a respected but quiet and unobtrusive citizen. The remains were taken to the Selwood crematory, Tuesday evening.

Ralph Rea and Hattie M. Gee, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Gee, of this city, were united in marriage Tuesday, by Rev. Jones, at the parsonage in Albina, the mother of the bride attending. The newly-wedded will reside in this city, at the corner of Hayes and Chicago streets. The many friends of bride and groom extend congratulations.

Attorney Charles E. Hayes was a St. Johns visitor on Wednesday. He found many things to interest him in the phenomenal growth of our little city. He confessed that he had been reading about it considerably of late and had really concluded that busy promoters had been over-active; but when he saw the hundreds of men and women at work in our industrial institutions and the great number of residences and substantial business houses that have been recently erected, together with the many now in process of construction, Lawyer Hayes remarked that much yet remained to be told about the wonderful progress of St. Johns.

The through car from Portland to St. Johns is an improvement over the service formerly given to the people of the busy communities in this locality, but it is not yet wholly satisfactory. The dropping of the trailer at Piedmont and the switching and backing necessary to attach it to the incoming St. Johns car consume too much time and create an annoyance at which many justly complain. The company should not delay the fulfillment of its promise to give us a better service in the near future. Its cars are crowded on almost every run from Portland to this city and the patronage it receives on this branch of its system fully warrants a first-class service.

Deserve Credit.

Daniel Brecht is one of the most indefatigable workers in behalf of the general interests of the city of St. Johns. That the dock question was brought to a successful issue is largely due to the interest he took in the matter, and his liberal donation of \$50 to help pay for labor will not soon be forgotten. In this we would Messrs. L. B. Chipman and D. C. Rogers, the other members of the Commercial Association committee. All these gentlemen assumed a duty and performed it well.

AT THE EMPIRE THEATRE NEXT WEEK.

Ole Olson, which will be presented by a capable company of players, furnishes a quaint picture of the development of the awkward and untutored Swedish immigrant lad into the shrewd, honest, and helpful Swedish American of the Northwest. That it will be a thoroughly enjoyable performance enlivened by song, dance and specialties, is assured. The company to present the play is the same that has played this season in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, St. Louis and all large cities throughout the country. The engagement is for six nights and two matinees, starting Sunday matinee, March 12th, with a special matinee Saturday at popular prices.

A CASE OF SUICIDE

An Old Civil War Veteran Found in Dying Condition

With Two Bullet Holes Through His Head - Was it Murder or Suicide.

The usual quiet of the city was broken last Wednesday morning when John Kurtz, an aged veteran of the Civil War, who had, in a fit of temporary insanity, shot himself three times in the head sometime during Tuesday night and was found under the wharf about 9 o'clock on Wednesday morning in the vicinity of the shipyards, unconscious, bleeding profusely and, as the subsequent result has shown, in a dying condition.

Dr. Hensel, the city health officer was called as soon as possible, and hurried to the scene, and after looking at the poor victim, who, still alive and lying in his own blood, advised that the poor old body, from which life was, no doubt, fast ebbing, be not disturbed or removed until the coroner arrived, with the result that he was allowed to remain in that position, for three hours, with nothing better than the cold, damp unceasing ground beneath a wharf, for his couch, and the hard wooden brace supporting the wharf for his pillow. Why this was done, no one knows. Why an old veteran who had no doubt, suffered the privations of civil war in defense of his country, should be thus allowed to die so ignoble a death is past all human comprehension. It was not until Marshal Organ was found, when he, assisted by other citizens went to the scene, secured a wagon and brought the old man up town and placed him on a comfortable couch in Blackburn's furniture store, where he died a few hours later.

In that position and condition the old man was compelled to lie from the time at which he shot himself until noon the next day when Deputy Coroner A. L. Finley and Chief Deputy Sheriff Morden arrived to take charge of the case. Coroner Finley was surprised when he found that he had been called to take official charge of the body of a man yet alive, when it is his business to handle only the bodies of dead people.

The conduct of the case by Dr. Hensel was the subject of general comment of a most caustic nature. Bystanders protested, but in vain, none of them knowing whether or not they might take charge of the body and convey it to a clean place of comfort and thus attempt to save the old man's life. However, the sheriff telephoned to one of the citizens to take the unfortunate man to a comfortable room up town and to employ a physician to attend the case until he might arrive. About noon Deputy Sheriff Morden and Deputy Coroner Finley arrived on the same car, but found the victim of his own weapon in a dying condition. However, he lived until 2 o'clock in the afternoon, showing wonderful vitality for a man of his advanced age.

The circumstances of the case at first suggested murder. Three shots had been fired into the head half way between the right ear and the middle of the back of the cranium. There were no powder-burns; and it was difficult to understand how one could shoot himself in that manner without leaving some evidence of the burning powder. Dr. Mary McLaughlin was summoned to take charge of the case, and she did all that could be done to determine whether or not the wounds received were fatal; but brains were oozing from the wounds and it was evident that nothing could be done to save the suicide's life.

Kurtz, who was 70 years old, left the home of his son-in-law, F. C. Bowers, at 315 East Thirty-fourth street, at 10:30 on Tuesday morning for the Portland library, so he said, for the purpose of obtaining some books. Instead, however, he came to St. Johns and was seen walking about the streets as if examining property. On one occasion he asked about the time at which he might catch The Dalles boat. About the time workmen were coming from their tasks in the mills and factories he disappeared and was not seen again until he was found under the wharf by James Ewen, who lives at 284 North Twentieth street, at 9 o'clock on Wednesday morning.

At dusk on Tuesday night, when it was discovered that the unfortunate man had not returned home, his wife became anxious and immediately began to search for him. At midnight, no word having been received as to where her husband might have gone, Mrs. Kurtz had word telephoned to Police Captain Moore at the central station; but no trace of him could be found, until he was discovered as above stated. He died before his wife and daughter learned of his condition and they were still in anxious search for him when word reached them concerning the tragedy.

Whether or not the old veteran had been in the habit of carrying a revolver had not been learned. It seems scarcely believable that a man of his age and condition would be likely to carry concealed weapons; and it is probable that he contemplated suicide before he left home, making the excuse that he was going to the Portland library to escape suspicion that the

purpose of his mission was to end his life.

Coroner Finley concluded that the evidence of suicide was so conclusive that it was unnecessary to hold an inquest. Mrs. Kurtz and family finally took charge of the remains and prepared the body for burial.

Mass Meeting.

A mass meeting of citizens has been called to meet in the Holbrook building, corner Tacoma and Jersey streets, Thursday evening, March 16, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the coming city election. Every citizen of St. Johns is invited to attend.

A Splendid Success.

The novel and unique entertainment given by the Junior League of the M. E. church, under the direction of Miss May Shepard, at Bickner hall, Monday evening, was a most successful affair. The hall was made to resemble a railway depot, with all the adjuncts, such as trainmaster, conductors, bagageman, newsboys, peanut stands and lunch counters. Even the noise and bustle so common on the arrival and departure of trains was not missing. A large crowd was present and enjoyed this novel entertainment. The whole affair was ingeniously planned and carried out.

A Rank Injustice.

Portland has an ordinance prohibiting animals running at large within the city limits, and it is to be hoped that this city will have a similar law in the near future. But the operation of the Portland law makes a hardship on people of the peninsula, and incidentally adjoining suburbs. If an animal belonging to a resident of St. Johns, happens to stray across the line it is taken up and driven to a pound out on 16th street, fully eight miles distant, and beside the inconvenience an impounding fee of \$3 is charged. Why a pound is not established on the peninsula, within Portland city limits, is not clear, unless it would lessen the opportunity for a Wm. Caples had an experience in this matter last week.

Additional University Notes.

Mrs. J. W. Fowler is improving after an illness of several weeks.

Miss Alice Price entertained Friday evening. Several teachers from Hill Academy were among her guests.

The W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. Hatfield Thursday afternoon. The program was flower mission and was beautiful rendered.

Quite a large attendance was present at the 7:30 P. M. exercises held in the Holy Cross church Sunday evening. Preparatory to the ceremony of the blessing of the stations, Rev. F. J. Phelan delivered a most instructive discourse telling of the history and growth of this devotion in the Catholic church, dwelling particularly on the fact that the devout accomplishment of this devotion is as meritorious as a visit to the Holy Land which was so much in vogue during the time of the Crusaders when this devotion was originated.

At the morning service Father Thillman announced that on every Sunday during the season of Lent, evening services will be held at 7:30 P. M. Rev. T. J. Henessay professor of English at the University, will deliver the discourse on next Sunday evening.

The civic improvement committee met with Mrs. C. L. McKenna, Friday, March 3rd. Reports of committees were heard. The park committee reported well pleased with the work done in the park. As the district the ladies had to work upon was extensive, about three square miles, and the committee restricted to twenty members, it was deemed best to disband. Hoping to organize a large society this was done, and a call issued for a meeting of all citizens interested in civic improvement to be held in the Haywood auditorium Friday, March 10, at 2 P. M., for the purpose of organizing a league. Mr. Wheelwright's plan for the work seems just what is needed here and it is hoped a large league will be organized and systematic plans adopted.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

The Council Gets Busy and "Does Things."

The city council met in regular session Monday evening and done more real business than has been done at any half dozen sessions during the past year. The council chamber was crowded during the session, and after adjournment the councilmen and mayor were congratulated by a large number of citizens who heartily approved of the good work done.

There is one thing, however, that the council stands badly in need of, and that is a competent legal adviser, who should be present at all meetings prepared to give advice for the guidance of the councilmen. Complications are likely to grow out of some of the acts of the council because of the lack of it.

A petition from 110 citizens was presented asking the council to submit the question of animals running at large at the coming election for an expression of the people, not that the vote would be binding upon the council, but merely that the new council might know how the majority of the voters felt about the matter. The question would have no legal bearing whatever, yet, in order to avoid the issue, some of the council maintained that it would be illegal. So it was passed into dark oblivion.

A petition was presented by the property owners along Burlington and Philadelphia streets to have said streets graded, sidewalk and otherwise improved. A resolution was passed instructing the city engineer to establish grade, providing such grade does not require a greater cut than four feet at any one point, and estimate the cost of such improvement.

The engineer submitted plans and estimate of the cost of improving Jersey street from Catlin to Richmond street, and a resolution was passed declaring the intention to improve said street, at an estimated cost of \$7871.80.

An application for a franchise to erect and maintain a telephone line in the city of St. Johns was received from the Pacific States Telephone Co. In consideration of this privilege the company proposed to grant the city the privilege of stringing and maintaining wires on its poles for a fire alarm system. The proposition was very promptly declined to consider same, and it was tabled.

The council agreed to include the hydrant on Mohawk near the Portland Manufacturing Co.'s works in the contract with the Water Works Co.

The committee on parks and public property recommended the purchase of the Joseph Eryles property on Jersey street for a site for city buildings, at a cost of \$2000 cash or \$2200 in warrants. On motion the committee was instructed to make the purchase, but whether for cash or warrants was not decided.

A committee from the Commercial Association was present, and requested the council to take steps at once to build a dock at the foot of Richmond street. On motion a new committee was created consisting of Hurlbert, Edwards and Monahan, was appointed on commerce, landings and wharves, and instructed to proceed forthwith to build the dock.

The recorder was instructed to notify the county clerk that the new charter provides that all plats of additions must be approved by the city engineer and council before being recorded.

The recorder was notified to give notice of election to be held Monday, April 3.

The following bills were allowed: L. E. Clark, services as recorder, six months, at \$15 per month, \$90. Banfield & Vessey, wood, \$1.50. Dr. Rossier, medical attendance \$2.00.

T. C. Devlin, typewriting city charter, \$88.60.

Review printing charter and blanks, \$141.60.

No action was taken regarding the improvement of street along water front.

Council adjourned.

In answer to many inquiries about St. Johns' water supply, it may be said that it is at present entirely adequate and that the quality of the aqua regia thus publicly furnished is as pure as that supplied by any other city in the world, including the celebrated Bull Run water in which Portland rejoices.

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